

Random Notes

Situate about 5,000 miles away from closer association, and since we have nothing to lose, it is not surprising to an audience of St. Clifford Cripps of his ethical standards, his uniformity of purpose, and his abandonment of a just and beneficent life to further his life-long belief in the doctrine of Socialism.

Among the Chancellor's theoretical supporters at close range, however, a sharp re-appeal to development. Indeed, a northern local of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers in Britain has come right out with a demand that he be dismissed from the government, on the ground of all things—that he "is a tool of the capitalist!"

St. Stafford's latest move in the political world is to ally himself, alienate most of his supporters—so much depends upon whose shoes he is pinching. In his efforts to get the full advantage of devaluation, giving Britain a better opportunity to exploit the dollar markets, the Chancellor has criticized notice of the workers that some may have to give up their present jobs and go to work in dollar earning industries.

Britain's government has retained the wartime right to direct working men and women in jobs where they are most needed, but up to now have not exercised it. There are many thousands of persons engaged in what, no doubt, will be termed "essential" employment who may fall victims of this ruling. Yet which of us enjoying an easy, well paid occupation—say as a betting man or a dog trainer—would welcome being "directed" to work in cotton mills in Lancashire or the woolen mills of Yorkshire? Then what becomes of the democratic ideal of liberty?

Such a situation approaches the actualities of 1916 in Britain, when by the passage of the Conscription Act large cities, and particularly London, were swept clean of both "corner boys" and "black marketeers."

It is now very much as though they will have to take it. But will they like it?

Save The Stubble

With the advent of the combine harvester, straw disposal has become more of a problem than it was under the old binder and threshing method of harvesting. This has led many farmers to the widespread practice of burning stubble in the autumn, a dangerous and wasteful method, which should be avoided whenever possible, says C. H. Anderson, of the Dominion Experimental Station, Beaverbeak.

A heavy accumulation of straw may cause an initial reduction in the formation of nitrate, but after a few weeks these plant foods will be formed quite rapidly. If a crop is sown and where a heavy stubble has been worked into the soil, it might suffer from a lack of nitrate during the early stages of growth.

A light application of ammonium phosphate fertilizer of high nitrogen content would overcome this.

Straw adds fibre to the soil, and in the case of grey-wooded soils especially it tends to prevent baking or hardening of the soil. Straw increases the water holding capacity of such soils and improves aeration. Furthermore, the continued burning of stubble predisposes the soil to wind and water erosion.

The removal of straw may constitute a problem, but regardless of the difficulties encountered, every effort should be made to save the stubble and to hold the soil.

Log Marketing Decline

From January 1st to September 30th, 2,800,000 logs were marketed in Canada. In the same period the previous year the total was 3,800,000.

Alene Kamins

ALENE KAMINS, Toronto school teacher who gave the role of "Ma" (Penny Quill) in the CBC family drama broadcast Alan and Ma, based on Sunday.

Women's Missionary Society

On October 14th, the Drumheller Presbyterial of the W.M.S. held the annual Rally in Delia Municipal District, on which he served until 1924 when pressure of events in connection with the founding of the Alberta Wheat Pool caused him to resign the office, since in that year he was elected a director of the Pool and served continuously until 1941, when illness necessitated his retirement.

Among his activities during that period was a journey abroad, when he was called upon for his office in London, England. Absent from November, 1927, to March, 1928, he travelled extensively in Europe, visiting France, Italy and Austria on behalf of the Alberta Wheat Pool. The deceased possessed a gentle and sunny disposition and during his residence in the district he made hosts of friends, which was abundantly evident at the last sad rites, among the many mourners being old friends, officials of the Wheat Pool from Calgary. Surviving in his widow and three sons, Donald, instructor at Olds Agricultural School; Kenneth and Allan, on the farm.

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Winter's Funeral Home, Drumheller, had charge of arrangements.

Trees For Farms

Each year thousands of trees are distributed to farmers in the prairie provinces by the Dominion Forest Nursery Station at Indian Head, Saskatchewan. These trees are supplied free of charge, providing the land on which they are planted has been successfully ploughed the preceding year.

Trees which are available for free cost of freight are: aspen, ash, elm, Manitoba maple, poplar and willow. There is a nominal charge for the following evergreens: white spruce, Colorado spruce and Scotch pine.

As the majority of all these trees are somewhat limited, farmers who wish to secure next spring are advised to make application this fall.

Write to the Dominion Forest Nursery Station, Indian Head, Saskatchewan, for further information.

The first newspaper straw pull was conducted in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1824.

Obituary

Robert Allan Macpherson

Was born at Dutton, Ontario, December 21st, 1881, and was a youth joined the staff of The Trades' Bank at Rodney, a nearby village. Subsequently he served at branches in various parts of the province, including Sault Ste. Marie, Blind River, Orillia, Sault Ste. Marie, and was made manager at Didsbury, Alberta. When the Trades' Bank was taken over by the Royal Bank of Canada, Mr. Macpherson's services were retained, and he was the first manager of the Third Street branch, Calgary when it opened.

In 1915 he decided to go into farming and came to Delia where he has since resided until his death. In December, 1916, he married Edith Johnston and set down in his new environment, quietly made his mark, so that in 1920 the taxpayers elected him a councillor of the Lambton Municipal District, on which he served until 1924 when pressure of events in connection with the founding of the Alberta Wheat Pool caused him to resign the office, since in that year he was elected a director of the Pool and served continuously until 1941, when illness necessitated his retirement.

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Strips And Curves

Lathbridge Experimental Station.

Considerable attention has been given to the prevention of soil losses by wind, but only very little emphasis has been placed on the prevention of soil losses by runoff water. In many cases, the small annual losses remain unnoticed or ignored until the soil on the steeper slopes of the fields appears lighter in color. This indicates that much of the darker top soil has been washed off, leaving the subsoil exposed. The more valuable top soil is being deposited and accumulated on the lower areas or is washed down the drainage ways.

If large gullies are formed, a considerable area is taken out of production and the soil is washed down the drainage ways. This brings about inconvenience in (Continued on back page, column 2)

The End of War

By R. J. Deschamps

Of all the criticism poured out against the capitalist system by Socialist and Communist critics, I would like to have ever considered for a moment what might have happened in this world if Great War I and Great War II had never taken place.

With all their lightness of heart and mind and complete disregard of facts, the Socialists will quote that if they were in charge all wars would cease. That is an easy thing to say. It could have been said with a great deal more force and power at the dawn of the Christian era. If only we had Christian governments all wars would cease.

Christianity did not end wars. Communism, which has neither code of conduct nor moral code, will make war if the leaders feel that it will pay them to do so. Socialism is more likely to bring wars to stop it. It tends to develop national weaknesses, which make it vulnerable to attack.

Over the centuries we have had every type of government, every possible brand of religion, every kind of national code, every gloomy omen. New wars may come. Some nations will take a chance—the dogs of war may be let loose.

If we had been freed from war and the fear of war, the energies of the human race could have been put to other uses. There are no limits to the possibilities of human progress under peace—there is no hope for humanity unless war and the thought of war can be eliminated from the heart and mind of man.

If that cannot be done then the end is in sight. We shall concentrate on methods of destruction, we shall fight until one side or the other wins the final battle, the widest of all conflicts. It would be foolish to suggest that the wisest is sure to win. The greatest strength may be on the other side. The world, if we cannot end war, may drift into the darkest of all dark ages without light, without hope, without a single dream of better days.

Is there no hope? Yes, there is hope. The United States—strange as that seems—may come to the rescue. Why do I think it strange? The United States has tried desperately hard to keep out of every war. It knows now that this is impossible; the risk is too great. Suppose, for instance, that Great Britain had been over-run in the last war. It seemed at one time beyond the bounds of possibility. If that had happened the United States would have had a problem on its hands. There would then be no bridge-head in Europe. Despotism would then be in control from the English Channel to the Pacific. Two continents, two despotisms planning for world domination.

If, however, at the start of World War I the United States had been armed and willing, would Germany have drawn the sword? Suppose when Mussolini attacked Abyssinia he had been told by all the other countries that if he would mean war, would he have made his attack? Britain could not alone take the risk. It is not the United States alone that has the weight of the world to be thrown into the scales.

Has been given in the last war. I doubt it. But doesn't all this suggest Anglo-Saxon domination of the world, and wouldn't the world resent it? That depends on the method of exercising control. It is a call for the exercise of the greatest wisdom, the exercise of restraint. Surely the capacity to live together in peace is one of the greatest of all human desires. If humanity cannot develop that capacity the world is not worth saving—it will not be saved.

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A.M.A. Will Press For Tests of Motor Drivers

Action by the provincial government in regard to adopting of a system to reduce the number of highway accidents is being awaited, according to officials of the Alberta Motor Association. About one year ago, the A.M.A. made strong recommendations to the government to inaugurate a system of examinations for those making applications for a driver's license for the first time. Statistics gathered by insurance companies had shown that a large percentage of motor accidents were caused by youths who had little or no driving experience.

Last spring a report of a special legislative committee also recommended that tests be arranged for those seeking their first licenses to drive motor cars.

In recent weeks, other Alberta organizations also have made similar requests to the government.

While provincial authorities have

stated that the matter is under consideration, it appears that no definite decision has been reached. In all probability, the A.M.A. will discuss the situation and renew its demands when it holds its next annual meeting Nov. 19 in Edmonton.

It is recalled that a delegation from the A.M.A. made strong representations on this matter to the provincial cabinet last May.

Motorists' Egyptian neighbors believe that an evil eye accounts for their stocky appearance in their bodies.

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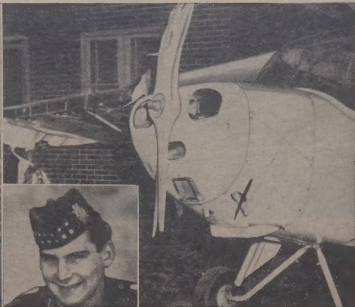
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SENIOR STUDENTS—Group of senior students from the University of Manitoba visiting the Winnipeg Stockyards at St. Boniface. Hiding their hats are, (centre), Dean MacBain and, (left), Prof. J. M. Brown.



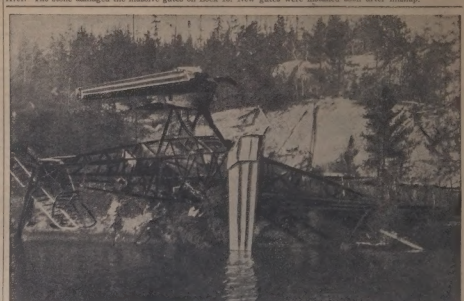
STRANDED TO DEATH—Strangled while chewing marasmium ginseng to him by his mother, Brian Young, 2½, of Timmins, Ont., died a few minutes after being taken to hospital. His mother, who had purchased marasmium ginseng for her two sons, called a doctor and the lad was rushed immediately to hospital where attempt to save his life proved futile. —S.N.S. photo.



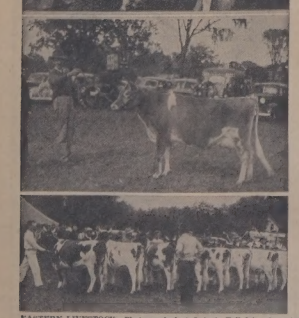
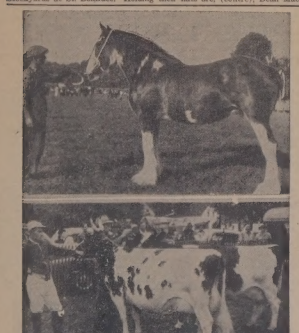
ANNUAL HORSE SALE—General scene at the Moose Jaw stockyards during the annual sale of horses. Inset are three of the largest buyers.



STONE SMASHES GATES, TIES UP CORNWALL CANAL SHIPPING—Stone thrown up by a ship's propeller is believed cause of more than a 24-hour tie-up of traffic through the canal at Cornwall, Ont., recently. This air photo shows ships tied up in the canal. More than 30 other vessels were anchored in the St. Lawrence river. The stone damaged the massive gates on Lock 16. New gates were installed soon after mishap.



SIX ESCAPED UNINJURED FROM CRASH—Six people walked away from the aircraft, a Bellanca, after it had crashed in northern Manitoba. The craft, seen on its back with its fuselage in the air, dropped into the river beside Stinky Lake, 25 miles northeast of Lac du Bonnet, while attempting to make a forced landing. Over-the plane was located an hour after it had crashed, by a search plane. —S.N.S. photo.



EASTERN LIVESTOCK—Photographed at Ontario Fall fair, from top to bottom: Best heavy horse on the grounds at Georgetown Fair was the Clydesdale mare, Lila's Green Belle, shown by Alvin Taylor, Grand Valley. Grand champion Yorkshire females at the Southern Counties Club Fall and White Day at Aylmer Fair, were shown by Calumet Farm, at left, and Blenheim Farm. At Milton, Freshwater Bros., Strathville, had the grand Champion Jersey female. A good lineup of Ayrshires are being judged, at Aylmer by C. L. Myers of Windsor, on, right.



ACCORDED GREAT WELCOME ON ARRIVAL IN U.S.—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, first prime minister of strategically important India, has begun a month-long tour of the United States, which officials at Washington hope will make him an American ally in the mounting tension between Communist Russia and the west. Full military honors were accorded the great Indian leader, seen on his arrival at Washington with his sister, Krishna Nehru, on his first visit to North America. The high honor is almost regarded as significant and indicative of the great importance the U.S. government attaches to his visit. The premier's visit to America will include a five-day tour of Canada beginning with his arrival at Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 25.—S.N.S. photo.



TO HEAD WORLD'S LARGEST RAILWAY—Donald Gordon, the post-Scottish immigrant boy, who gave Canada the best wartime price control system in the world, has been named president of the Canadian National Railways. The deputy governor of the Bank of Canada, who will take over new position on Jan. 1, succeeds P. C. Vincent on the head of the world's greatest railway system. Gordon enters his post early at one of the most difficult times in railway history in Canada. Some 60,000 railway workers are demanding higher wages and a 40-hour week, demands that if not satisfied might plunge the nation into a great economic stoppage.—S.N.S. photo.

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